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Washington, D. C. 20515*

*Anna G. Eshoo
Fourteenth District
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April 6, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, California 94612

Dear ~~Chairman~~ Bosco,

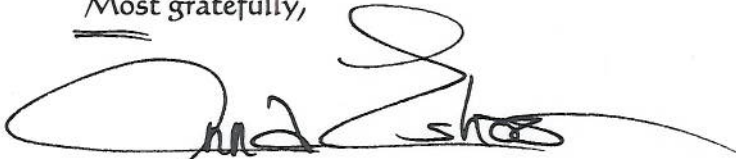
I strongly urge the Coastal Conservancy to support the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's grant request for funding to secure the permanent protection of the Silva Property in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Located in my District, the Silva Property is strategically located in the middle of the area's regional open space greenbelt that sustains our quality of life through a healthy environment, natural beauty and recreation opportunities.

This property is the critical missing link needed to connect existing lands and trails within Russian Ridge Regional Open Space Preserve, and provides the public with access to some of San Mateo County's most beautiful protected landscapes, including spectacular Mindego Hill. Within the property can be found the headwaters of Alpine Creek, part of the San Gregorio Creek watershed that supports steelhead trout and Coho Salmon, both sensitive species. The property also provides viable habitat for other special status species including long-eared owls and California red-legged frogs.

Supporting the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District in preserving this vital landscape will have a lasting impact on the future of open space in the region and will benefit the people, plants and animals that live within this precious watershed. Please give this grant proposal your highest consideration, and I thank you in advance for doing so.

Most gratefully,


Anna G. Eshoo
Member of Congress

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April 12, 2011

Douglas Bosco, Chair
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Silva Property, San Mateo County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's proposal for a Coastal Conservancy grant to secure permanent protection for the Silva property in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

The Silva property, located in my state Senate district, is strategically located in the middle of the area's regional open space greenbelt that sustains our quality of life through a healthy environment, natural beauty and recreation opportunities.

This property is the critical missing link needed to connect existing lands and trails within Russian Ridge Regional Open Space Preserve, and provides the public with access to some of San Mateo County's most beautiful protected landscapes, including spectacular Mindero Hill. Within the property can be found the headwaters of Alpine Creek, part of the San Gregorio Creek watershed that supports steelhead trout and Coho Salmon, both sensitive species. The property also provides viable habitat for other special status species including long-eared owls and California red-legged frogs.

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Funding from the Coastal Conservancy is necessary to provide permanent protection and will support the acquisition of the property, allowing the District to integrate the Silva property with the larger area of connected open space and regional trails in the Santa Cruz Mountains and the San Mateo County Coast.

Supporting the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District in preserving this vital landscape will have a lasting impact on the future of open space in the region and will benefit the people, plants and animals that live within this precious watershed. I hope you will give this grant request every consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'S. Joseph Simitian'. The signature is stylized with a large 'S' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

S. Joseph Simitian
State Senator, Eleventh District

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April 1, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District grant request

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District grant application to secure the permanent protection of the Silva Property in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Located in my Assembly district, the Silva Property is strategically situated in the middle of the area's regional open space greenbelt. It helps to sustain our quality of life by providing a healthy environment, natural beauty and recreation opportunities. This property provides the public with access to some of San Mateo County's most beautiful protected landscapes. It would serve to connect trails within the Russian Ridge Regional Open Space Preserve. The property provides habitat for many protected and special status species, including the long-eared owl, the California red-legged frog, steelhead trout and Coho salmon.

Your consideration of the grant application for this worthwhile proposal is deeply appreciated. With your support, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District has the ability to preserve open space for future generations. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jerry Hill
Assemblymember, 19th District

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DON HORSLEY

Board of Supervisors
County of San Mateo

March 21, 2010

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: Preserving important open space in San Mateo County

Dear Sam:

I strongly urge the Coastal Conservancy to support the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District with a grant to secure the permanent protection of the Silva Property in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

As the District Three Supervisor for San Mateo County, I am particularly interested in this project. The Silva Property is strategically located in the middle of the area's regional open space greenbelt that sustains our quality of life through a healthy environment, natural beauty and recreation opportunities.

This property is the critical missing link needed to connect existing lands and trails within Russian Ridge Regional Open Space Preserve, and provides the public with access to some of San Mateo County's most beautiful protected landscapes including spectacular Mindero Hill. Within the property can be found the headwaters of Alpine Creek, part of the San Gregorio Creek watershed that supports steelhead trout and Coho Salmon, both sensitive species. The property also provides viable habitat for other special status species including long-eared owls and California red-legged frogs.

Supporting the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District in preserving this vital landscape will have a lasting impact on the future of open space in the region and will benefit the people, plants and animals that live within this precious watershed.

Sincerely,



Don Horsley
Member, Board of Supervisors
San Mateo County



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March 30, 2011

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: Preserving important open space in San Mateo County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I strongly urge the Coastal Conservancy to support the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) with a grant for the permanent protection of the Silva Property in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

The Silva Property is a critical link in the area's regional greenbelt that improves our quality of life through a healthy environment, natural beauty and recreation opportunities. The Silva property is located along Alpine Road, a public road, and is surrounded by the 3,025 acre Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve and the Skyline Ridge Open Space Preserve managed by the District.

In particular, this property will connect existing open space lands and trail systems, and provide the public with access to some of San Mateo County's most beautiful protected landscapes. The property sustains the headwaters of Alpine Creek, part of the San Gregorio Creek watershed which supports sensitive fish species like steelhead trout and Coho salmon. The property also provides potential habitat for special status species including long-eared owls and California red-legged frogs.

Supporting the Open Space District in helping to preserve this vital landscape will have a tremendous impact on the future of open space in the region and will benefit the people, wildlife and watersheds that this land sustains.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James C. Porter".

James C. Porter
Director of Public Works



COMMITTEE FOR
GREEN FOOTHILLS

April 2, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Proposed Coastal Conservancy grant to the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District for permanent protection of the Silva property in San Mateo County

Dear Mr. Bosco and Conservancy Board members,

On behalf of Committee for Green Foothills (CGF), I am writing to enthusiastically support the request by Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District for a grant to secure the permanent protection of the Silva property in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

The 97.5-acre Silva property is the critical missing link needed to connect existing lands and trails within the Russian Ridge Regional Open Space preserve. It will provide the public with access to some of San Mateo County's most beautiful protected landscapes, including iconic Mindego Hill. Within the property can be found the headwaters of Alpine Creek, a tributary to San Gregorio Creek, which supports steelhead trout. Historically the San Gregorio watershed also supported Coho salmon, which is listed by the State of California south of San Francisco to Monterey Bay as endangered. The property also provides viable habitat for other special status species, including the California red-legged frog and long-eared owl.

The Conservancy's support of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District in preserving this vital landscape will have a lasting impact on the future of open space in the region and will benefit the people who visit and the wildlife that inhabit this important watershed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lennie Roberts".

Lennie Roberts, San Mateo County Legislative Advocate
Committee for Green Foothills

cc: Cynthia D'Agosta, Executive Director, CGF
Mike Williams, Real Property Manager, MROSD

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March 8, 2011

Janet Diehl
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Preserving important open space in San Mateo County

Dear Janet,

I strongly urge the Coastal Conservancy to support the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) with a grant for the permanent protection of the Silva property in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) purchased the Silva property in December 2010 with the intention of transferring the property to MROSD at full cost as soon as MROSD is in a position to acquire the property. The Silva property is surrounded by MROSD's Russian Ridge and Skyline Open Space Preserves, and ownership by MROSD will fill a missing link that will connect existing open space lands and trail systems. The Silva property will create an additional trail access point to these lands, including access to a more direct trail route to Mindego Hill.

The Silva property is a critical link in the area's regional greenbelt that improves our quality of life through a healthy environment, natural beauty and recreation opportunities. The property sustains the headwaters of Alpine Creek, part of the San Gregorio Creek watershed which supports sensitive fish species like steelhead trout and Coho salmon. The property also provides potential habitat for special status species including long-eared owls and California red-legged frogs.

Supporting MROSD in preserving this vital landscape will have a tremendous impact on the future of open space in the region and will benefit the people, animals and watersheds that this land sustains.

Sincerely,

Walter T. Moore
Executive Vice President